

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**1. (Currently Amended)** A fusion gene comprising a cell death-inducing gene that acts specifically on a surface receptor of endothelial cells undergoing angiogenesis, wherein the fusion gene is produced by fusing, a gene that codes for a homing signal peptide sequence specific for the surface receptor of endothelial cells undergoing angiogenesis, a gene coding for green fluorescent protein (GFP) and a gene coding for  $\Delta$ NBax protein, which is human Bax with a deletion of the N-terminal sequence including the BH3 domain and has cell death inducing activity and comprises an amino acid sequence from the 112<sup>th</sup> to the 192<sup>nd</sup> of human Bax of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, in this order.

**2. (Currently Amended)** The fusion gene according to claim 1, wherein the homing signal peptide sequence is ~~selected from the group consisting of peptide sequences of (a) to (o) shown below:~~

- ~~—— (a) RGD peptide sequence,~~
- ~~(b) NGR peptide sequence,~~
- ~~(c) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 7,~~
- ~~—— (d) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 8,~~
- ~~—— (e) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 9,~~
- ~~—— (f) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 10,~~
- ~~—— (g) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 11,~~
- ~~—— (h) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 12,~~
- ~~—— (i) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 13,~~
- ~~—— (j) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 14,~~
- ~~—— (k) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 15,~~
- ~~—— (l) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 16,~~
- ~~—— (m) peptide sequence comprising LDV,~~
- ~~—— (n) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 17 and~~
- ~~—— (o) peptide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 18.~~

**3-4. (Cancelled)**

**5. (Currently Amended)** The fusion gene according to claim 1 or 2~~any one of claims 1-3~~, wherein the fusion gene comprises following DNA of (p) or (q),

(p) a DNA having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3,~~or SEQ ID NO: 5.~~

(q) a DNA which hybridizes with a DNA having a complete complementary sequence of the DNA of (p) under a stringent condition and which codes for a protein which binds to endothelial cells undergoing angiogenesis and which has an enhanced cell death-inducing activity.

**6. (Currently Amended)** An expression vector containing the fusion gene according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1.

**7. (Original)** The expression vector according to claim 6, which can express the fusion gene in a cell-free system.

**8. (Currently Amended)** A method for producing the fusion protein encoded by the fusion gene according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~claim 1, including a step of *in vitro* expression by ~~an~~the expression vector containing the fusion gene of claim 1, which can express the fusion gene in a cell-free system~~according to claim 7.~~

**9-15. (Cancelled)**